

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Tuesday, February 27, 2007  
Twenty-fifth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Balfour of the 9th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Rivers, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the House:

HB 90. By Representative Sims of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-18-70 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to practice at a licensed funeral establishment or crematory, so as to provide that a funeral establishment shall have an adequate stock of funeral caskets on the premises; to provide that the display room may contain actual caskets or may contain models, mock-ups, or sections of caskets or similar items if such caskets are readily available and in stock for purchase at the establishment or can be delivered within 24 hours; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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The House has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following Resolutions of the House:

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A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Elbert County, Georgia; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HR 171. By Representative Smith of the 129th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the lives of Cason and Virginia Callaway and dedicating the Cason and Virginia Callaway Conservation Highway in their memory; and for other purposes.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

Senator Horacena Tate  
District 38  
110 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**Committees:**

Appropriations  
Education and Youth  
Health and Human Services  
Retirement  
Urban Affairs

The State Senate  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

21 February 2007

Mr. Robert Ewing  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I am writing to formally request to have my name withdrawn as a signer onto SB 163 (Heath, 31st) Retirement; county revenue employees; no person who becomes tax commissioner or any such officer shall be eligible for membership.

It was my original understanding that this bill, among others, was a simple departmental bill; however, I now believe that I will need to have further review and discussion of the bill.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dr. Horacena Tate  
Senator, District 38

Senator Gail Davenport  
District 44  
323-A Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**Committees:**

Higher Education  
Interstate Cooperation  
Public Safety and Homeland Security  
Retirement  
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The State Senate  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 27, 2007

Honorable Bob Ewing  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Secretary Ewing,

I respectfully request for my name to be removed as a co-sponsor of SB 163. Thank you in advance for respecting this request, and I look forward to more opportunities to work with you during this legislative session.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gail Davenport  
State Senator, District 44

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
240 STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor

February 26, 2007

Hon. Bob Ewing  
Secretary of the Senate  
The State Senate  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Bob:

This letter serves as official notice that the following Senators have been appointed as ex-officio members of the following committees. These appointments are at the pleasure of the President of the Senate:

Jack Murphy – Veterans and Military Affairs  
Don Thomas – Science and Technology  
Bill Cowsert – State Institutions and Property  
Dan Moody – Regulated Industries

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor of Georgia

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 223. By Senator Smith of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of juvenile courts, terms and compensation of judges, state grants for judicial salaries, qualifications, presiding judge, practice of law, actions by judges, administration, and expenditures, so as to change certain provisions relating to compensation of judges and grants for judicial salaries; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 224. By Senators Hudgens of the 47th, Chapman of the 3rd, Rogers of the 21st, Moody of the 56th, Murphy of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to change the definition of commercial vehicle policy and fleet policy; to repeal Code Section 40-5-71 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to notice of insurance issuance, renewal, or termination of drivers' licenses, and incorporate the provisions thereof in Code Section 40-2-137; to change the term "commercial vehicle policy" to "commercially insured vehicle policy"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Insurance and Labor Committee.

- SB 225. By Senators Stoner of the 6th, Thompson of the 5th, Jones of the 10th, Hill of the 32nd and Rogers of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to redevelopment powers, so as require training with respect to redevelopment powers, programs, and tax allocation districts; to create the Redevelopment Powers Training Board; to provide for members, powers, duties, and authority; to provide for funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Economic Development Committee.

- SB 226. By Senators Harp of the 29th, Hill of the 4th, Hudgens of the 47th, Chapman of the 3rd and Tolleson of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Natural Resources, so as to provide that evaluations and reports of qualified soil scientists shall be accepted by the Department of Natural Resources for certain purposes; to define certain terms; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Human Resources, so as to provide that evaluations and reports of qualified soil scientists shall be accepted by the Department of Human Resources for certain purposes; to define certain terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

- SB 227. By Senator Schaefer of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Clarkesville in the County of Habersham, approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4502), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

- SB 228. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Johnson of the 1st, Adelman of the 42nd, Davenport of the 44th, Thomas of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for the licensure of personal fitness trainers; to provide for definitions; to establish the Georgia Board of Fitness

Trainers and provide for its composition; to provide for qualifications, terms, and vacancies of members; to provide for officers; to provide for records; to provide for reimbursement of members; to provide for duties of the board; to provide that no person shall provide personal fitness training without a license; to provide for qualifications for personal fitness trainers; to provide for applications for licensure; to provide for denial, suspension, or revocation of licenses; to provide for hearings; to provide for appeals; to provide for construction and application; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

SB 229. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Brown of the 26th, Stoner of the 6th, Seay of the 34th and Davenport of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, so as to require each hospital, as a condition of licensure, to maintain written policies about discount payment and charity care for financially qualified patients; to provide for eligibility criteria; to provide that each hospital perform various functions in connection with the hospital charity care and discount pay policies, including providing patients with notice that contains information about the hospital's discount payment and charity care policies, and about eligibility and the availability of private or public health insurance coverage for each patient; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 230. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Rogers of the 21st, Wiles of the 37th and Murphy of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to personnel administration, so as to define the classified and unclassified service; to provide for the authority of the State Personnel Board and the State Merit System relative to both classified and unclassified service; to modify language relative to these authorizations and definitions to rescind provisions governing interdepartmental transfers; to change certain provisions relating to classified and nonclassified employees; to change definitions relating to personnel administration and classified and unclassified employees; to clarify certain duties of the State Personnel Board; to modify certain duties of the commissioner of personnel administration; to rename the Advisory Council for Personnel Administration and change the manner in which persons



become members of the council; to modify certain rights of unclassified service; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 231. By Senators Thompson of the 5th and Shafer of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Norcross to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 232. By Senators Smith of the 52nd, Cowser of the 46th, Reed of the 35th and Meyer von Bremen of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to court reports, so as to remove the requirement of publishing a volume of rules from the definition of reports; to provide for the maintenance of a rules compilation; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 233. By Senators Thompson of the 5th and Stoner of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to change certain provisions regarding collections, expenditures, and exemptions with respect to certain revenue regarding roads; to change certain provisions regarding priority of expenditures from the State Public Transportation Fund; to change certain provisions regarding allocation of state and federal road funds; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Transportation Committee.

SB 234. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Adelman of the 42nd, Smith of the 52nd, Harp of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations, so as to provide for the Secretary of State to collect a filing fee for certificates of conversion filed when a Georgia corporation, Georgia limited partnership, or Georgia limited liability company converts to a foreign corporation, foreign limited partnership, or foreign limited liability company, respectively; to provide that a certificate of conversion be filed with the Secretary of State to evidence a conversion; to allow a copy of a certificate of conversion be filed with the clerk of the superior court in any county in which a converting entity owns property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

SB 235. By Senators Grant of the 25th and Seabaugh of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 42-5-35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the conferral of police powers by the commissioner of the Department of Corrections, so as to provide that certified correctional employees of the Department of Corrections who leave the department under certain conditions may retain their badges; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State Institutions and Property Committee.

SB 236. By Senator Rogers of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 34 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to identity theft, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for notification by certain state agencies upon a breach of security regarding personal information; to amend Article 8 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the offense of identity fraud, so as to change certain provisions relating to the elements of the offense of identity fraud; to provide for a victim's right to file a report with a law enforcement agency; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.

SB 237. By Senator Johnson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-4-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the qualifications of applicants for examination or certificate of registration to practice architecture, so as to establish certain minimum training requirements to qualify for certification by the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

SR 340. By Senators Moody of the 56th, Brown of the 26th, Hooks of the 14th and Williams of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on State Boards, Commissions, Authorities, Councils, and Committees; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Rules Committee.

SR 341. By Senators Thompson of the 5th, Reed of the 35th and Stoner of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that funds derived from motor fuel taxes may be appropriated for and grant made for all activities incident to providing and maintaining an adequate system of public roads and bridges in this state and for any or all transportation purposes; to authorize the General Assembly to allocate and specify and direct the use of such funds by general law; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Transportation Committee.

SR 344. By Senators Chance of the 16th, Carter of the 13th and Heath of the 31st:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the creation of the Citizens' Redistricting Commission; to provide for its membership, duties, and procedures; to provide for the submission of a redistricting plan for approval by the General Assembly; to provide for procedures for the consideration of such plan; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee.

SR 345. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Williams of the 19th, Johnson of the 1st, Chance of the 16th, Carter of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution, in a manner consistent with the United States Constitution, so as to prevent discrimination in the public funding of social services by allowing religious or faith based organizations to receive public aid, directly or indirectly, for the provision of such services; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

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A RESOLUTION honoring the lives of Cason and Virginia Callaway and dedicating the Cason and Virginia Callaway Conservation Highway in their memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Transportation Committee.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 101	Do Pass	SB 165	Do Pass
HB 105	Do Pass by substitute	SB 220	Do Pass
SB 16	Do Pass by substitute	SR 326	Do Pass
SB 101	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Bulloch of the 11th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Ethics Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 179	Do Pass by substitute
SR 279	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Judiciary Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 42	Do Pass by substitute	SB 139	Do Pass by substitute
SB 67	Do Pass	SB 140	Do Pass by substitute
SB 88	Do Pass as amended	SB 141	Do Pass
SB 98	Do Pass by substitute	SB 142	Do Pass
SB 100	Do Pass by substitute	SB 188	Do Pass by substitute
SB 106	Do Pass by substitute	SR 246	Do Pass by substitute
SB 134	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Smith of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 91        Do Pass by substitute  
SB 125       Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Whitehead of the 24th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Science and Technology Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 148       Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Staton of the 18th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Special Judiciary Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 41        Do Pass by substitute  
SB 135       Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The State and Local Governmental Operations Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 266	Do Pass	SB 158	Do Pass
HB 320	Do Pass	SB 186	Do Pass
HB 341	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Wiles of the 37th District, Chairman



Mr. President:

The Transportation Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 63	Do Pass	SR 154	Do Pass by substitute
SR 104	Do Pass	SR 263	Do Pass
SR 136	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Mullis of the 53rd District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 12	SB 55	SB 116	SB 153	SB 157	SB 173
SB 29	SB 109				

Senator Adelman of the 42nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Golden of the 8th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Golden was excused.

Senator Adelman of the 42nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Stoner of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Stoner was excused.

Senator Hooks of the 14th asked unanimous consent that Senator Harbison of the 15th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Harbison was excused.

Senator Goggans of the 7th asked unanimous consent that Senator Weber of the 40th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Weber was excused.

Senator Seay of the 34th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 33rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Adelman	Henson	Schaefer
Balfour	Hill,Jack	Seabaugh
Bulloch	Hill,Judson	Seay
Butler	Hooks	Shafer,D
Carter	Hudgens	Smith
Chance	Johnson	Staton
Chapman	Jones	Tarver
Cowsert	Me V Bremen	Tate
Davenport	Moody	Thomas,D

Douglas	Mullis	Thomas,R
Fort	Murphy	Thompson,C
Goggans	Orrock	Tolleson
Grant	Pearson	Unterman
Hamrick	Powell	Whitehead
Harp	Ramsey	Wiles
Hawkins	Reed	Williams
Heath	Rogers	

Not answering were Senators:

Brown	Golden (Excused)	Harbison (Excused)
Stoner (Excused)	Thompson, S (Excused)	Weber (Excused)

Senator Brown was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Senator Davenport of the 44th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Wimbley Hale, Jr. of Jonesboro, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 330. By Senators Hudgens of the 47th and Cowser of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION expressing regret at the passing of William Littleton Collins; and for other purposes.

SR 331. By Senators Heath of the 31st and Smith of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION expressing sympathy at the passing of Perry Goad; and for other purposes.

SR 332. By Senators Heath of the 31st and Smith of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION expressing sympathy at the passing of Ric Mason; and for other purposes.

SR 333. By Senator Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and remembering the life of Mother Ocie "Ann" Rucker; and for other purposes.

SR 334. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the Chattahoochee Valley Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2007 inductees; and for other purposes.

SR 335. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Rigdon Road Elementary School on its outstanding record of academic success; and for other purposes.

SR 336. By Senators Hamrick of the 30th and Fort of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Georgia State University College of Law student Cliff Williams; and for other purposes.

SR 337. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th and Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Douglas Hodge; and for other purposes.

SR 338. By Senator Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending golfer Gary Player; and for other purposes.

SR 339. By Senator Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION commending TEAM Georgia and recognizing February 22, 2007, as "Designate a Driver Day"; and for other purposes.

SR 342. By Senator Tolleson of the 20th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Argene Claxton for outstanding contributions to education in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 343. By Senators Wiles of the 37th, Stoner of the 6th, Hill of the 32nd, Rogers of the 21st and Thompson of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION remembering Charles Benjamin "Ben" Robertson upon his passing.

SR 346. By Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jim Fowler; and for other purposes.

Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th recognized Jim Fowler, commended by SR 346. Jim Fowler addressed the Senate briefly.

SR 347. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and proclaiming February 27, 2007, as "Catholic Day at the Capitol" in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Senator Tolleson of the 20th asked unanimous consent that Senator Bulloch of the 11th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Bulloch was excused.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Tuesday, February 27, 2007  
Twenty-fifth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 158           Thompson of the 5th  
                  Balfour of the 9th  
                  Weber of the 40th  
                  Henson of the 41st  
                  Unterman of the 45th  
                  Shafer of the 48th  
                  Butler of the 55th

### **GWINNETT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and providing for its powers, duties, jurisdiction, and officers, approved February 12, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 110), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 10, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 4142), so as to change provisions relating to the salary supplements for the judges of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 186

Goggans of the 7th  
**CITY OF HOMERVILLE**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Homerville Water and Sewer Authority and provide for its activation; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for the purposes, powers, duties, and functions of the authority and authorize certain contracts and agreements; to provide for the membership and appointment of members of the authority and their terms of office, qualifications, duties, powers, methods of filling vacancies, compensation, and expenses; to provide for organization, meetings, and quorum of the authority; to provide for an attorney of the authority; to provide for an audit and budgets; to authorize the authority to contract with others regarding its functions, to contract with others pertaining to the use of the utilities and facilities of the authority, and to execute leases and do all things necessary or convenient for the operation of such undertakings or projects; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 266

Chapman of the 3rd  
**CAMDEN COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize Camden County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 320

Harbison of the 15th  
Harp of the 29th  
**CITY OF COLUMBUS**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 341

Chapman of the 3rd  
**CITY OF ST. MARYS**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of St. Marys to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Heath	Y Seabaugh
Y Balfour	Y Henson	Y Seay
Brown	Y Hill,Jack	Y Shafer,D
E Bulloch	Y Hill,Judson	Y Smith
Y Butler	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Carter	Y Hudgens	Y Stoner
Y Chance	Y Johnson	Y Tarver
Y Chapman	Y Jones	Y Tate
Y Cowsert	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Davenport	Y Moody	Thomas,R
Y Douglas	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Murphy	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Orrock	Y Tolleson
E Golden	Y Pearson	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Powell	E Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Ramsey	Y Whitehead
E Harbison	Y Reed	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Rogers	Williams
Y Hawkins	Y Schaefer	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SB 103      O.C.G.A.; correct errors/omissions (S JUDY-42nd)
- SB 104      O.C.G.A.; correct errors/omissions; Title 47 (S JUDY-42nd)
- SB 124      O.C.G.A.; correct errors/omissions; Title 21 (S JUDY-42nd)
- SB 30        Armed Forces of U.S.; members; prohibit certain uses of names/pictures;  
provide penalties (Substitute)(S JUDY-18th)
- SB 128      Child Advocate, Office of; provide confidentiality of records  
(S JUDY-13th)
- SR 133      Augusta, Georgia, Environmental Issues; create joint study committee  
(NR&E-22nd)
- SB 131      Subsequent Injury Trust Fund; payment of assessments; change certain  
provisions (I&L-47th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Balfour of the 9th, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- SB 103. By Senators Adelman of the 42nd, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Harp of the 29th, Hamrick of the 30th, Hill of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the O.C.G.A., so as to correct typographical, stylistic, capitalization, punctuation, and other errors and omissions in the O.C.G.A. and in Acts of the General Assembly amending the O.C.G.A.; to reenact the statutory portion of the O.C.G.A., as amended; to provide for necessary or appropriate revisions and modernizations of matters contained in the O.C.G.A.; to repeal portions of the Code and Acts related thereto which have become obsolete; to delete portions of the Code and Acts related thereto which have been superseded by subsequent state laws; to provide for and to correct citations in the O.C.G.A. and other codes and laws of

the state; to rearrange, renumber, and redesignate provisions of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for other matters relating to the O.C.G.A.; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Heath	Y Seabaugh
Y Balfour	Y Henson	Y Seay
Y Brown	Y Hill,Jack	Y Shafer,D
E Bulloch	Y Hill,Judson	Y Smith
Y Butler	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Carter	Y Hudgens	Y Stoner
Y Chance	Y Johnson	Y Tarver
Y Chapman	Y Jones	Y Tate
Y Cowsert	Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Davenport	Y Moody	Y Thomas,R
Y Douglas	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Murphy	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Orrock	Y Tolleson
E Golden	Y Pearson	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Powell	E Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Ramsey	Y Whitehead
E Harbison	Y Reed	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Rogers	Y Williams
Y Hawkins	Y Schaefer	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 103, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Hooks of the 14th asked unanimous consent that Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Meyer von Bremen was excused.

Senator Pearson of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Schaefer of the 50th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Schaefer was excused.



SB 104. By Senators Adelman of the 42nd, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Harp of the 29th, Hamrick of the 30th, Hill of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to correct typographical, stylistic, and other errors and omissions in Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and in Acts of the General Assembly amending Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to correct capitalization and spelling in Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide for other matters relative to Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Fiscal Note, as required by law, was read by the Secretary:



## **Department of Audits and Accounts**

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January 4, 2007

The Honorable David Adelman  
State Senator  
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 303-A  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification  
Senate Bill (LC 25 4623)

Dear Senator Adelman:

This bill would correct typographical, stylistic, spelling, capitalization, and other errors and omissions in Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. This bill would make such corrections in the chapters affecting the Superior Court Clerks' Retirement Fund, the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, and the Magistrates Retirement Fund.

This is to certify that this is a nonfiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,

/s/Russell W. Hinton  
State Auditor

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Heath	Y Seabaugh
Y Balfour	Y Henson	Y Seay
Y Brown	Y Hill,Jack	Y Shafer,D
E Bulloch	Y Hill,Judson	Y Smith
Y Butler	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Carter	Y Hudgens	Y Stoner
Y Chance	Y Johnson	Y Tarver
Y Chapman	Y Jones	Y Tate
Y Cowsert	E Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Davenport	Y Moody	Thomas,R
Y Douglas	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Murphy	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Orrock	Y Tolleson
E Golden	Y Pearson	Y Unterman
Grant	Y Powell	E Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Ramsey	Y Whitehead
E Harbison	Y Reed	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Rogers	Y Williams
Y Hawkins	E Schaefer	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

SB 104, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Whitehead of the 24th asked unanimous consent that Senator Grant of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Grant was excused.

SB 124. By Senators Adelman of the 42nd, Harp of the 29th and Meyer von Bremen of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to correct typographical, stylistic, and other errors and omissions in Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and in Acts of the General Assembly amending Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to correct capitalization and spelling in Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide for necessary or appropriate revisions and modernizations of matters contained in Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide for other matters relating to Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Heath	Y Seabaugh
Y Balfour	Y Henson	Y Seay
Y Brown	Y Hill,Jack	Y Shafer,D
E Bulloch	Y Hill,Judson	Y Smith
Y Butler	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Carter	Y Hudgens	Y Stoner
Y Chance	Y Johnson	Y Tarver
Y Chapman	Y Jones	Y Tate
Y Cowsert	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Davenport	Y Moody	Y Thomas,R
Douglas	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Murphy	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Orrock	Y Tolleson
E Golden	Y Pearson	Y Unterman
E Grant	Y Powell	E Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Ramsey	Y Whitehead
E Harbison	Y Reed	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Rogers	Williams
Y Hawkins	E Schaefer	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

SB 124, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Pearson of the 51st recognized Mrs. Judy Craft, commended by SR 231, adopted previously.

Senator Unterman of the 45th recognized Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta, for "Catholic Day at the Capitol," commemorated by SR 347, adopted today. Reverend Wilton D. Gregory addressed the Senate briefly.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 30. By Senators Staton of the 18th, Douglas of the 17th, Tolleson of the 20th, Jones of the 10th, Murphy of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to invasions of privacy, so as to prohibit certain uses of the names or pictures of service members of the armed forces of the United States; to provide a penalty; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Special Judiciary Committee offered the following substitute to SB 30:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to invasions of privacy, so as to prohibit certain uses of the names, portraits, or pictures of members of the armed forces of the United States; to provide a penalty; to provide an exception; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to invasions of privacy, is amended by adding a new Part 3 to read as follows:

"Part 3

16-11-90.

In addition to any other remedy provided by law, any person, firm, or corporation that intentionally uses:

- (1) For the purpose of advertising for the sale of any goods, wares, or merchandise;
- (2) For the solicitation of patronage by any business; or

(3) In connection with the sale of any goods, services, wares, or merchandise, the name or personally identifiable portrait or picture of any current or deceased member of the armed forces of the United States, when they have direct or constructive knowledge that such person is or was a member of the armed forces, without having obtained, prior or subsequent to such use, the consent of the member or, if the member is deceased, without the consent of the personal representative or personal representatives or, where no personal representatives exists, a majority of the adult heirs of the deceased member and after having been requested by any such member, representative, or heirs to cease such advertising, solicitation, or sale, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature. Such request to cease shall be in writing and delivered by statutory overnight carrier or by certified or registered mail. The use of any such name, portrait, or picture that is in the public domain shall not be a violation of this Code section."

## **SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

## **SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, the yeas were 39, nays 1, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Heath	Y Seabaugh
Y Balfour	Henson	Y Seay
Y Brown	Hill,Jack	Y Shafer,D
Y Bulloch	Y Hill,Judson	Y Smith
Y Butler	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Carter	Y Hudgens	Y Stoner
Y Chance	Y Johnson	Y Tarver
Y Chapman	Y Jones	Y Tate
Y Cowser	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Davenport	Y Moody	Y Thomas,R
Y Douglas	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Murphy	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Orrock	Y Tolleson

E Golden	Y Pearson	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Powell	E Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Ramsey	Y Whitehead
E Harbison	Y Reed	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Rogers	Williams
Y Hawkins	E Schaefer	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 30, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 128. By Senator Carter of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children, so as to provide for confidentiality of records held by the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Heath	Y Seabaugh
Y Balfour	Y Henson	Y Seay
Y Brown	Hill,Jack	Y Shafer,D
Y Bulloch	Y Hill,Judson	Y Smith
Butler	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Carter	Y Hudgens	Y Stoner
Y Chance	Y Johnson	Y Tarver
Y Chapman	Y Jones	Y Tate
Y Cowsert	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Davenport	Y Moody	Y Thomas,R
Y Douglas	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Murphy	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Orrock	Y Tolleson
E Golden	Y Pearson	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Powell	E Weber

Y Hamrick  
E Harbison  
Y Harp  
Y Hawkins

Y Ramsey  
Y Reed  
Y Rogers  
E Schaefer

Y Whitehead  
Y Wiles  
Williams

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 128, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Chance of the 16th asked unanimous consent that Senator Hill of the 4th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Hill was excused.

Senator Chance of the 16th asked unanimous consent that Senator Williams of the 19th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Williams was excused.

SR 133. By Senators Tarver of the 22nd, Powell of the 23rd, Hill of the 4th, Williams of the 19th, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Augusta, Georgia, Environmental Issues; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman  
Y Balfour  
Y Brown  
Y Bulloch  
Y Butler  
Y Carter  
Y Chance  
Y Chapman  
Y Cowser  
Y Davenport  
Y Douglas  
Y Fort  
Y Goggans  
E Golden  
Y Grant

Y Heath  
Y Henson  
E Hill,Jack  
Y Hill,Judson  
Y Hooks  
Y Hudgens  
Johnson  
Y Jones  
Y Me V Bremen  
Y Moody  
Y Mullis  
Y Murphy  
Y Orrock  
Y Pearson  
Y Powell

Y Seabaugh  
Y Seay  
Y Shafer,D  
Y Smith  
Y Staton  
Y Stoner  
Y Tarver  
Y Tate  
Y Thomas,D  
Y Thomas,R  
Y Thompson,C  
Y Thompson,S  
Y Tolleson  
Y Unterman  
E Weber

Y Hamrick  
E Harbison  
Y Harp  
Hawkins

Y Ramsey  
Y Reed  
Y Rogers  
E Schaefer

Y Whitehead  
Y Wiles  
E Williams

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

SR 133, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

Senator Chance of the 16th asked unanimous consent that Senator Johnson of the 1st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Johnson was excused.

SB 131. By Senator Hudgens of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Subsequent Injury Trust Fund, so as to change certain provisions relating to payment of assessments to the fund by insurers and self-insurers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and intent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman  
Y Balfour  
Y Brown  
Y Bulloch  
Y Butler  
Y Carter  
Y Chance  
Y Chapman  
Y Cowsert  
Y Davenport  
Y Douglas  
Y Fort  
Y Goggans  
E Golden  
Y Grant

Y Heath  
Y Henson  
E Hill,Jack  
Y Hill,Judson  
Y Hooks  
Y Hudgens  
E Johnson  
Y Jones  
Y Me V Bremen  
Y Moody  
Y Mullis  
Y Murphy  
Y Orrock  
Y Pearson  
Y Powell

Y Seabaugh  
Y Seay  
Y Shafer,D  
Y Smith  
Y Staton  
Y Stoner  
Y Tarver  
Y Tate  
Y Thomas,D  
Y Thomas,R  
Y Thompson,C  
Y Thompson,S  
Y Tolleson  
Y Unterman  
E Weber



Y Hamrick  
E Harbison  
Y Harp  
Y Hawkins

Y Ramsey  
Reed  
Y Rogers  
E Schaefer

Y Whitehead  
Y Wiles  
E Williams

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

SB 131, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Pearson of the 51st recognized representatives of Southern Catholic College Day, commended by SR 129, adopted previously.

Serving as doctor of the day was Dr. Steve Muller.

Senator Moody of the 56th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2007.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:51 a.m.